

Senate Bill No. 238

CHAPTER 211

An act to amend Section 33200 of the Public Resources Code, relating to the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 238, Liu. Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy members: voting.

Existing law, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Act, establishes the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and prescribes the membership, functions, and duties of the conservancy with regard to the protection and preservation of lands within the Santa Monica Mountains Zone, as defined. Existing law requires the conservancy be composed of 9 voting members and 3 ex officio members, as specified, and requires the Supervisor of the Angeles National Forest to serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the conservancy.

This bill would authorize the Supervisor of the Angeles National Forest to vote on a manner related to a project located within, adjacent to, or substantially affecting, the Angeles National Forest.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 33200 of the Public Resources Code is amended to read:

33200. (a) The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy is hereby established within the Natural Resources Agency. The conservancy is composed of nine voting members and three ex officio members. The voting members are as follows:

(1) The Superintendent of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area, or his or her designee.

(2) A member representing the City of Los Angeles, appointed by the mayor with the approval of the city council.

(3) Three public members who shall be residents of either the County of Los Angeles or the County of Ventura, one of whom shall be appointed by the Governor, one of whom shall be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules, and one of whom shall be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly. At least one of the public members shall reside within the San Fernando Valley statistical area, as defined in Section 11093 of the Government Code. The seat of a public member shall be deemed vacant if the member changes his or her residence to a county other than Los Angeles or Ventura County.

(4) An elected official who is a representative nominated by the city councils of those cities which have at least 75 percent of their areas within the zone who shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles or a member appointed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, or that member's designee.

(5) An elected official who is either a member of the City Council of the City of Thousand Oaks or a member of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura and who shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura, or the elected official's designee.

(6) The Secretary of the Natural Resources Agency or an employee of the agency designated by the secretary.

(7) The Superintendent of the Angeles District of the Department of Parks and Recreation, or his or her designee.

(b) (1) (A) The California Coastal Commission and the State Coastal Conservancy shall each appoint an ex officio member who shall be either a member or employee of their respective agency. The ex officio member appointed by the California Coastal Commission and the State Coastal Conservancy shall be nonvoting members, except that the ex officio member appointed by the State Coastal Conservancy may vote on any matter relating to a project undertaken within the coastal zone portion of the zone.

(B) On the 10th working day after certification pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 30500) of Division 20 of any local coastal program, or any portion thereof, for any portion of the zone, the ex officio member appointed by the California Coastal Commission may vote on any matter relating to a project undertaken within the coastal zone portion of the zone and the ex officio member appointed by the State Coastal Conservancy may not vote on the matter.

(2) (A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B), the Supervisor of the Angeles National Forest shall also serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the conservancy.

(B) The Supervisor of the Angeles National Forest may vote on a matter relating to a project located within, adjacent to, or substantially affecting, the Angeles National Forest.

(c) The chairperson and vice chairperson of the conservancy shall be selected by the voting members of the conservancy for a one-year term. A majority of the total authorized and appointed voting membership of the conservancy constitutes a quorum for the transaction of any business under this division.

(d) (1) The following members of the conservancy shall be compensated for attendance at regular meetings of the conservancy at the rate of one hundred dollars (\$100) per day:

(A) The public members.

(B) The member appointed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles or that member's designee, unless the member or designee is also a member of the board of supervisors, in which case no compensation shall be paid.

(C) The member appointed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura or that member's designee, unless the member or designee is also a member of a board of supervisors, in which case no compensation shall be paid.

(D) The members appointed by the State Coastal Conservancy and the California Coastal Commission if these members are not employees of their respective agency or are not full-time compensated elected officials.

(E) The appointed member representing the City of Los Angeles.

(2) All members of the conservancy shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the performance of their duties.